
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 4, 2021
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5025](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT {LC497/1} (Allows North Smithfield historic residence owners to become eligible for state historic residence tax credits.)

01/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/04/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5477](#)

BY McLaughlin, Giraldo, Ackerman, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN {LC1571/1} (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/18/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/25/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5407](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Edwards, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC484/1} (Authorizes tax assessors in the cities and towns to use the last statutory update or revaluation as the assessed valuation upon which to levy taxes regarding their real property.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5427](#)

BY Place, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC530/1} (Authorizes fire districts to provide for an exemption from fire taxes for volunteer firefighters.)

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5478](#)

BY Azzinaro, Filippi, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC1506/1} (Allows the Westerly Town Council to issue a Class B liquor license for premises located at 169 and 177 Main Street, despite its location within proximity to a school church.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5479](#)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT {LC967/1} (Mandates that builders of new one or two (2) family residential dwellings provide the buyer with written information regarding the installation of automatic fire sprinkler system.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5480](#)

BY Tobon, Casey, Noret, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1252/1} (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5586](#)

BY Hull, Cardillo, Perez, Hawkins, Ackerman, Fogarty, McLaughlin, Costantino, Slater, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS {LC1095/1} (Includes the real and tangible personal property of St. John Baptist De La Salle Institute, d/b/a La Salle Academy, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5590](#)

BY Nardone, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 {LC1287/1} (Exempts a residential homeowner who has abandoned an on-site system from obtaining a contractor to pump out and to fill in with material, as long as the residential homeowner has taken the necessary steps to secure the abandoned on-site system.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5620](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC138/1} (Increases the authorized holdings of Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and exempt the same from taxation.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5632](#)

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC1669/1} (Requires towns and cities to allow tiny homes to be used as accessory dwelling units and to be counted as affordable housing.)

02/19/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5688](#)

BY Serpa, Chippendale, Noret, Nardone, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY {LC1401/1} (Prohibits the town of Coventry from assessing the costs of repaving the roadway upon the completion of any sewage works upon the land owners.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5689](#)

BY Casey, Lima, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC1557/1} (Eliminates the exception the current law gives to Woonsocket regarding the composition of city or town school committees.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5815](#)

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Hull, McLaughlin, Barros, Perez, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER {LC1888/1} (Authorizes higher education institution department to enter into an agreement with any city/town to provide police assistance in non emergency situations.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5821](#)

BY Hawkins, Costantino, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1161/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

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Both verbal and written testimony are welcome.

VERBAL TESTIMONY

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Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.

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